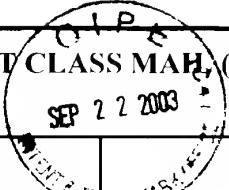


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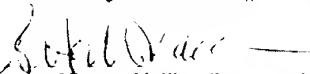
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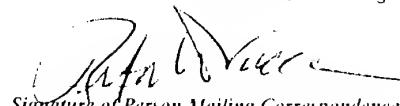
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Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003 regarding the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1 – 16 based on the following amendments and remarks.